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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: GOC NAMES NEW AMBASSADOR TO COLOMBIA

1. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY CONFIRMED AUGUST 11 THE NAMING OF CAREER DIPLOMAT EDUARDO CISTERNAS PARODI AS GOC AMBASSADOR TO BOGOTA. CISTERNAS HAS BEEN A ROVING ENVOY BEFORE, BUT HAS NEVER HAD AN EMBASSY. HE REPLACES SERGIO ONOFRE JARPA, REASSIGNED AS AMBASSADOR TO BUENOS AIRES. CISTERNAS IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE AT POST IN SEPTEMBER.

2. BIOGRAPHIC DATA. BORN IN ARICA ON AUGUST 24, 1922. A GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CHILE, CISTERNAS ENTERED THE CHILEAN FOREIGN SERVICE IN 1943. AFTER SERVING A FIVE-YEAR STINT IN THE MINISTRY, HE EMBARKED ON HIS FIRST FOREIGN ASSIGNMENT AS A THIRD SECRETARY IN THE CHILEAN EMBASSY IN COSTA RICA. HE THEN SERVED CONSECUTIVE TOURS IN ARGENTINA, FRANCE, BOLIVIA AND BRAZIL. OTHER SIGNIFICANT ASSIGNMENTS INCLUDE: DIRECTOR OF PROTOCOL 1964-65); DCM IN ARGENTINA (1967), URUGUAY, AND LIMA (1976-JANUARY 1978); BRIEF TOURS AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE WITH RANK OF AMBASSADOR TO ITALY, THE VATICAN, FRANCE, GERMANY, GREAT BRITAIN AND ARGENTINA; AND GOC DELEGATE TO VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES, INCLUDING THE ANTARCTIC CONFERENCE IN PARIS IN 1958. MOST RECENTLY, CISTERNAS SERVED AS THE MINISTRY'S DIRECTOR OF BILATERAL

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RELATIONS, A JOB HE HAS HELD SINCE JANUARY 1978.

3. FOR AN OFFICER OF 35 YEARS SERVICE WE HAVE REMARKABLY LITTLE IN OUR FILES ON CISTERNAS. WHILE IN THE PROTOCOL JOB IN THE MID-1960S HE WAS DESCRIBED AS WELL-DISPOSED TOWARD THE US AND EXTREMELY HELPFUL. AS DIRECTOR OF BILATERAL RELATIONS WE HAVE FOUND HIM CORDIAL AND GENERALLY

ACCESSIBLE. CISTEGNAS IS MARRIED TO THE FORMER ELSIE
BUNGE (OR BUDGE) AND THEY HAVE ONE SON (DUARDO). HE
SPEAKS FRENCH AND PORTUGUESE AND SOME ENGLISH.
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